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Mexico aide rebutts U.S. columnist

MEXICO CITY (UPI)—The news office of the Mexican presidency Tuesday issued a response to a column by Jack Anderson which charged President Miguel de la Madrid has amassed a fortune since taking office 17 months ago.

In his column, published in The Washington Post this week, Anderson charged that De la Madrid has increased his worth by several million dollars since he took office Dec. 1, 1982.

In a report attributed to "a high government source with access to secret intelligence reports," Anderson said that in a series of transactions four months after taking office, De la Madrid deposited \$13 to \$14 million in a Swiss bank account.

ANDERSON ALSO CITED a source with access to reports from the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency, based on intercepted international banking transactions, as saying De la Madrid has "taken" at least \$162 million since the beginning of his presidency.

Presidential News Secretary Manuel Alonso, in a letter directed to Washington Post President Katherine Graham, denied De la Madrid has any bank accounts abroad, claiming Anderson's column constituted "authentic slander."

The letter said Anderson's statements were "inexact, false and tendentious."